

problem solving approaches to be implemented in coastal regions around the world. LSU Hurricane Center—The Center will be leveraged with existing localized efforts in coastal hazards modeling and observation systems to provide the knowledge needed for a more integrated approach in coupling earth surface dynamics with storm surge modeling; work on toolkits to provide operational services and information during coastal hazard events; work with disaster management to improve community resilience and serve emergency managers in operational mode. LSU Coastal Systems Engineering Laboratory—CSE Laboratory is an integrated joint enterprise amount science, engineering and high-performance computing communities of the region that has implications for increased capability of forecasting dynamic earth systems using new investments in sensors, observations, modeling and cyber infrastructure. The CSE Laboratory will pioneer the development of an integrated modeling system to support the needs of coastal system science and engineering.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2847

Department of Commerce—NOAA ORF
Southern Regional Climate Center, 260
Howe-Russell Building, Baton Rouge, LA
70803.

NOAA Regional Climate Center program; \$850,000. The funding will be used to continue and enhance the vital climate data services performed by the NOAA Regional Climate Centers (RCC). The RCC program was authorized by the 1978 National Climate Program Act. The RCCs are administered by the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) and the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC). The program has been in existence since the mid-1980's and has been funded by Congress every year since its inception. There are six regional centers located in New York, Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, Nevada and North Carolina. The six RCCs are an integral part of the NCDC's three tier national climate services support program, which includes the NCDC, the RCCs and state climatologists. The RCCs are the only entities in the country—public or private—that provide this type of climate data, analysis and information services. The Federal government, as well as State and local agencies, rely on the climate services the RCCs provide and have no other resource for this information. The funding is for ongoing program expenses, which include salaries/benefits, equipment, supplies, travel expenses, journal page charges, stakeholder workshops, and indirect costs.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2847

Department of Justice—COPS Tech
Louisiana Sheriff's Association, 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment; \$300,000. This funding request is for equipment for a new project and is a onetime expense. This funding is for the proposed LSA Institute, which will serve as an education and training center for local and state law enforcement officers. This funding will serve dual purposes in providing critical technology such as video, audio and communication equipment used for training / education purposes and real life emergency responses. In addition, the LSA Institute will also serve as a hub for the Louisiana Sheriffs' Emergency Task Force, a task

force comprised of deputies across the state who respond to emergency events when needed. The LSA Institute will be housed at 1175 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. The LSA is uniquely positioned to perform this function as it is governed by the Sheriffs, and it is the Sheriffs who have the greatest Constitutional responsibility for law enforcement and public safety at the local level, and who have the manpower necessary to cover such functions. Additionally, the long history of cooperation and coordination among LSA, the Chiefs of Police, and other local first responder agencies, as well as the state, make this project a logical next step toward providing this training (i.e. emergency response, FEMA/DHS rules and regulations, etc.) and securing the resources necessary to respond to the next catastrophic event in a timely, well organized manner.

Congressman RODNEY ALEXANDER

H.R. 2847

Department of Justice—COPS Meth
City of Bastrop, LA, 202 East Jefferson,
Bastrop, LA 71221.

Bastrop-Morehouse Parish Meth Initiative; \$650,000. The City of Bastrop is seeking funds to expand efforts to combat methamphetamine production and trafficking and to enhance policing initiatives in "drug hot spots"

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Standards on Congressional appropriations initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that were included at my request in H.R. 2487, the Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

FLORIDA SILVER ALERT PROGRAM

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal name and address of requesting entity: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 2331 Phillips Road

Description of request: \$100,000 is included in the bill for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Florida Silver Alert Program, which is a standardized and coordinated law enforcement and state agency response to share information with the public to improve the chances of a safe recovery of a missing elderly person suffering from dementia. The Silver Alert program is designed to quickly disseminate descriptive information about a missing person who suffers from dementia, so that citizens can be on the lookout for the endangered elderly person and notify local law enforcement with any relevant information. The program is a cooperative effort among Florida local and state law enforcement agencies, Department of Transportation, Department of Elder Affairs and the media. In partnership with these agencies, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is requesting funding to improve the current system and to facilitate public awareness/education, and outreach. In October 2008 the Silver Alert Program became operational in Florida, administered by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Miss-

ing Endangered Person Information Clearinghouse hereinafter referred to as the "Clearinghouse". In the first six months, Silver Alerts have been activated 58 times resulting in the direct recovery of 10 elderly persons with dementia. As this is a relatively new program, not all local law enforcement agencies are aware of the program or the criteria to activate a Silver Alert. It is recommended that printed, laminated guides be distributed to patrol officers. These guides would include the criteria and resources available to law enforcement when an elderly person with dementia is reported missing. This is the first federal funding requested for this project.

NATIONAL CLEARING HOUSE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE LAW AT STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal name and address of requesting entity: Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, FL 33707

Description of request: \$400,000 is included in the bill for the National Clearing House for Science, Technology, and the Law at Stetson University College of Law to build and maintain the world's only searchable comprehensive bibliography on law, science, and technology. This database contains court decisions and commentary, scholarly publications, commercial applications, professional associations and institutions, and other resources about traditional and new forensic topics, such as Identity Theft, Intra and Interstate Tracking of Sexual Predators, Canine Sniff Detection, and Less Lethal Technologies. It contains 18 resource categories for each of 33 topics in science and technology. At present, it contains more than 65,000 records, and more than 1,500 entries a month are added. Visitors from more than 110 countries have visited the site. In addition, comprehensive Cold Case and Identifying the Missing resources have recently been added to the site. No other such national resource exists. The online database also includes a quarterly newsletter which focuses on the latest topics such as Methamphetamine, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Cyber Forensics, Post-Conviction DNA Testing, Bio-terror and the Physician, and Virtual Autopsies. Funding will also enable Stetson to continue building an important reference collection of law, science, and technology material to meet the needs of law enforcement personnel, legal professionals, crime lab personnel, national security professionals, medical examiners, and public health professionals. These professions face challenges due to a lack of access to information regarding new areas of science and technology. The Clearinghouse reference collection allows access via inter-library loan to physical materials not readily available at local libraries. Important forensic science collections are being donated to the clearinghouse on a regular basis for use by these professionals. Stetson will use this funding for two new initiatives. The first is the development of training modules and primers to be made available through distance education technology. These cross-disciplinary modules will focus on training scientists in the complex workings of the legal system. They also provide lawyers with much needed education in various scientific and technological disciplines. Law 101 will focus on testimony skills for expert witnesses, scientists and law enforcement personnel. The primers, written by lawyers, scientists, and educators, will cover the basic

elements of a science or technology and principles of law. They will provide practical advice regarding motions in limine, locating and qualifying an expert, direct and cross-examination of the expert, and legal issues that arise in such cases. The second initiative will be to support the federal DNA initiative. The goal of this project is to provide training about the applications and limitations of DNA evidence to defense counsel handling cases involving biological evidence, as stated in the President's DNA Initiative. To achieve this goal, the Clearinghouse is working closely with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and an expert Advisory Group to develop training that will provide defense attorneys with the general knowledge of the uses of DNA evidence in judicial proceedings as it pertains to discovery and ethics, proper closing arguments, case assessment, etc. The training will complement other forensic DNA evidence resources developed by NIJ, such as the "Officers of the Court" CD-ROM, which provides a foundational understanding of the science, technology, statistics, and other non-advocacy topics. Training will occur across the country and will incorporate "Train the Trainer" sessions to further broaden outreach efforts. Previous funding has been provided to Stetson for the National Clearinghouse in the following amounts: FY 2003—\$1,768,430, FY 2004—\$2,968,432, FY 2005—\$2,959,930, FY 2006—\$1,682,119, FY 2009—\$400,000.

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants

Legal name and address of requesting entity: The National Forensic Science Technology Center, 7881 114th Avenue North, Largo, FL 33773

Description of request: \$2,000,000 is included in the bill for the National Forensic Science and Training Center (NFSTC), which is a Department of Justice-selected Forensic Technology Center of Excellence. With these funds, the NFSTC will continue to provide for the Office of Justice Programs an assessment program to audit the capabilities and quality of DNA laboratories throughout the United States which receive agency funding. NFSTC not only assists laboratories in improving their performance in DNA analysis, but also provides grant recipients with an objective review of their use of federal funds. Previous funding has been provided to NFSTC, which employs 34 people in Pinellas County, Florida, in the following amounts: FY 2000—\$1,899,822, FY 2001—\$2,594,280, FY 2002—\$8,500,000, FY 2003—\$2,980,000, FY 2004—\$1,978,000, FY 2005—\$1,973,286, FY 2007—\$1,973,286, FY 2008—\$2,030,400, FY 2009—\$1,750,000.

NATIONAL TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS INSTITUTE AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Byrne Discretionary Grants
Legal name and address of requesting entity: St. Petersburg College, 3200 34th St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Description of request: \$1,500,000 is included in the bill for the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPi) at St. Petersburg College, for training support programs for law enforcement and other emergency responders through the rapid research, development, and delivery of customized anti-terrorism training and professional development materials and scenario models. NTPi seeks to deliver the highest quality content and instruc-

tional technology delivery systems to meet the unique training needs and time constraints of the trainees. These materials are delivered through traditional classroom training or distance learning technologies and the topics are determined by and based on the needs of the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security. Areas that have been covered in the past include implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, expanding regional collaboration, implementation of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, strengthening information sharing and collaboration capabilities, and enhancing Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive detection, response, and decontamination capabilities. Previous funding of \$800,000 was provided in FY 2009.

PINELLAS COUNTY AT-RISK YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM

Account: Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

Description of request: \$300,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Juvenile Assessment Center to serve as a centralized point of entry for pre-arrest and arrested juveniles. The Center will coordinate an array of proven best practices and research-based methods of community-based treatment and ancillary services to enable law enforcement and social services to work together to access and determine the best needs and services for each youth. Juveniles will be screened to identify their unique needs and issues, including history, home environment and behavior for inclusion in the associated programs. Additional assessments will be administered for those with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Case managers will be on call to assist youths with residential or outpatient services; mentoring and recreational activities; counseling; and aftercare. Low risk offenders between the ages of 7 and 14 will be assessed for referral to the Pinellas County Sheriff's On-Track early intervention program that provides guidance in an intensive and structured environment. The program serves at-risk youth, both male and female who are current students residing in Pinellas County. The youth who are between 7 and 14 years old are either first time offenders experiencing problems at school (truancy, violence, suspensions, other school problems) or are experiencing problems at home (ungovernable behavior). This program is expected to provide new avenues and opportunities for both high risk and low risk youth. An evaluation of the program will be conducted including impact to recidivism for the high risk offenders. For the On-Track program, outcome rates of 50 percent reduction in unexcused absences and school related disciplinary referrals along with a 50 percent increase in community referrals for families and improvement in family communication skills are expected goals. The program is anticipated to have positive outcomes of both a human and economic nature. Currently, the county is housing over 50 youth a month in the detention center for Failure to Appear currently at \$178 per day. In December 2008, the average length of stay at the Juvenile Delinquency Center was nine days, which means for 50 juveniles with Failure to Appear violations, the detention costs of \$80,100 could be diverted to provide bed days

and services to those who are currently in jail to be transferred to JDC. Diverting youth charged with such minor offenses away from the center will save on food and medical costs, and will free up space to accommodate juvenile offenders charged with more serious crimes, preventing them from being housed in an adult correctional facility. Additionally, diverting low risk youth and preventing future system involvement aids in reducing future youth detention. No previous federal funds were requested for this project.

PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF, JOINT-USE OUTDOOR FIRING RANGE

Account: Department of Justice, COPS Law Enforcement Technology

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Sheriff, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33778

Description of request: \$250,000 is included in the bill for the Pinellas County Sheriff to develop an outdoor firing range for joint use by local, state, and federal agencies, including military and federal law enforcement personnel. The demonstrated need for such a range is the result of a survey of these agencies, including DEA, U.S. Marshall, U.S. Secret Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, FBI, U.S. Coast Guard, Florida National Guard, U.S. Air Force, NCIS, and U.S. Marine Corps which found that these agencies lack sufficient outdoor facilities to practice and qualify for firearms proficiency. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners has provided \$500,000 to complete pre-construction requirements including architectural services; civil engineering; environmental site assessment; structural engineering; mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering; site surveying and geotechnical testing. \$500,000 was included in FY 2009.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Mr. PLATTS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I have received as part of H.R. 2487, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Adams County Department of Emergency Services: Adams County Department of Emergency Services is the Public Safety Answering Point for Adams County. The entity provides Public Safety Communications to all Emergency Response Agencies within Adams County. Adams County would use this funding to develop a new, standards based wireless communication system that will operate in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because the system would be capable of supporting all public safety operations in the County and would allow for increased interoperability. I certify that neither my spouse nor I have a direct or foreseeable financial interest in this project. (\$200,000 in the Community Oriented Policing Services Account)

Adams County Department of Emergency Services

230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg, PA 17321